

PITH AND POINT.

—Even in the best regulated families, the things that don't seem possible occur very often.

—It is the man who can light good fires who is soonest able to hire others to light his fires for him.

—To recognize a duty as a duty is to make a pleasure of duty, to him who would do what he ought to do.

—Some one should preach a sermon on the bad taste of pursuing good taste too exclusively.—Century.

—There is no scorn like that which is uttered in silence. The shears give the most effective cut when they shut up.—Binghamton Leader.

—Respectability is contagious, but, like other contagions, you can't always catch it when you want it.—Puck.

—Familiarity breeds contempt." Don't acquire the habit of permitting your anger to get you too often, beside yourself.—Philadelphia Press.

—He who can not forgive others, says Herbert, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself, for every man has need to be forgiven.

—When you want anything well done do not go to a person who has nothing to do. Always go to a busy person. Those who have plenty of time on their hands are lazy or incompetent.

—Many think that sleep is lost time. But the style of your work will be mightily affected by the style of your slumber. Sound asleep is the sister of Wide Awake. Keep the note of subtraction; it is an addition.—Tennant.

—It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is no who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

—Every duty, even the least, forms the whole principle of obedience; and little duties make the habit faithful, that it is simple and prompt to obey. Little obediences lead into great. The daily round of duty is full of probation and discipline; it trains the heart and conscience. The commonest life may be full of perfection. The duties of home are a discipline for the ministries of Heaven.—F. R. Havergal.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

Peculiar Views on the Subject Formed by a Humanitarian.

It may now be asked what form of punishment should be substituted for the death penalty. It is not necessary to my purpose in writing this article that I should touch that subject at all. This article is written mainly for the purpose of protesting against the crime of capital punishment, and not for the purpose of explaining what can or should be substituted for it. It will not, however, be out of place to say that the most natural substitute for the death penalty, under our form of government, would be imprisonment for a term sufficiently long to demonstrate that the offender might be safely allowed to go free. It is just as vicious, of course, to imprison a man for revenge as to hang him for revenge. There is therefore no sound reason why a murderer should be punished at all. It is right that he should be apprehended and confined until it is determined whether he is of such a nature or disposition as to be likely to commit more murders. But if this view of the case is too nearly in accordance with humane considerations to suit this cruel and bloodthirsty race, then the obvious mode of punishment to substitute for judicial killing is imprisonment at hard labor for life. This is far too cruel a punishment to visit upon any one for any crime done under the impulse of passion, but among a people who so frequently say, "Hanging is too good for him," and who are so given to lynchings, it is as much of a modification of our present practice as we would expect to get.

It has been observed that most of the murders occur among the poor people, and upon the top floors of tenement houses; that is to say, among the poorest of the poor. The connection between poverty and the crime of murder, like the connection between poverty and all other crime, is demonstrably close. If we could cure the social disease of poverty, the seeds of crime would be destroyed. The people rarely think of this. They think it is our business to punish crime, but it is our best business to prevent it. Our present organization of society manufactures criminals faster than we can possibly take care of them. It robs them of leisure; it is absolutely necessary for the development of mind and the domination of passions; it keeps the people hungry and fierce; it imbrutes them; it makes Ishmaels of them—their hands are against society as the hand of society is against them. Plant a generation of paupers and you will reap a crop of criminals.—Arena.

TO KILL A CANVAS-BACK.

The Only Proper Way Is to Shoot Him on the Wing.

"The only proper way to kill canvas-back ducks is to shoot them on the wing as they fly over you. If you are a man you will have lots of sport, and you will not hurt the ducks. You will blaze away at them as they fly toward you, which is precisely what I, as a lover of the species, would best like you to do, unless you are a sportsman and are disposed to divide your bag. So long as you shoot them in this way only a rare accident will enable you to do any harm to the beautiful creatures. They wear a breastplate of feathers which is practically impervious to shot. If you are a sportsman you will let them fly over you, and shoot them as they recede.

"The fact that the ducks fly high and are very swift of wing renders it difficult to kill them on the wing at all, and as very few men are really good shots resort is had by the majority to shoot the ducks from behind them when the ducks are within range. In this sort of approach very little harm would be done but for the fact that the canvas-back is beset with a curiosity surpassing that of women.

If he sees any thing in motion on the shore which he does not understand, no consideration of prudence will restrain him from paddling at once toward it, regardless of all danger, and the duck shooters take advantage of this by training little dogs to run about in a frisky, absurd fashion in front of the "blinds" when ducks are in sight. As soon as the ducks see what is going on the whole flock makes for the shore, and the sportsman can shoot at what range they will."—Forest and Stream.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

VALUE OF FODDER-CUTTERS.

Some Interesting Trials at the Wisconsin Experiment Station.

Short crops over the Northwest two years ago drove many of our farmers to economizing feed in a way never before thought of, and feed-cutters were bought by thousands, as manufacturers of these machines can testify. The abundant harvest of the last season and the indifference of farmers to cattle have caused many of the machines to lie idle the present winter; yet some farmers have not grown discouraged with the low price of cattle, and still have the ambition to make their farms carry as much stock as possible, and such are still interested in any facts that touch upon the question of economical feeding.

We have conducted at this station three experiments with cut versus uncut fodder for milch cows, and in each instance the result, measured by the amount of fodder required to produce a given amount of milk and butter, was in favor of cutting the fodder. In one experiment we used corn-stalks of the Pride of the North type, a small yellow dent, with rather small-sized stalks. The fodder had been grown for the grain, and the ears had been husked from it. The fodder was run through a machine which cut it into pieces about an inch long and shredded the coarser parts. The result of this trial was that 721 lbs. of cut fodder, fed with grain, produced as much milk as 1,135 lbs. of the same fodder when uncut, with the same amount of grain as in the first case. In the second trial, with the same sort of corn-stalks, 1,217 lbs. of cut stalks, with a certain quantity of grain, produced as much milk and butter as 1,909 lbs. of uncut stalks, with the same amount of grain as in the first case. In the third trial Stowell's Evergreen sweet corn, grown for fodder, but containing many ears, was used. The stalks of this corn were quite soft, 1,600 lbs. of cut fodder of this variety lasted two cows twenty-five days, while the same weight of uncut fodder lasted twenty-two days, with the daily yield of butter about equal in both cases.

From these trials we note that there was a saving of thirty-six per cent. of fodder in the first case, thirty-one per cent. in the second, and nine in the third. The first two experiments may be considered representative of such fodder as is usually grown by the farmers of Wisconsin, and shows that it is fair to assume that something like one-third of the fodder is saved by running it through the feed cutter, while for such corn as Stowell's Evergreen, with very soft stalks, when carefully fed, the loss when fed whole may be as small as nine per cent. compared with cutting. For corn with coarse, large stalks as that grown in Illinois and Iowa, I suspect that the loss from feeding whole may reach forty per cent.

An interesting question arises in this connection, viz.: whether the saving is due simply to the cows' eating the coarse parts, which would otherwise be wasted, or to less labor in mastication because of the fodder being finely divided by the cutter. Our figures show that in the first trial fourteen per cent. of the uncut fodder was uneaten, while there was a saving by cutting of thirty-six per cent. In the second trial the uneaten stalks were thirty per cent., while there was a saving of fodder by cutting of thirty-one per cent. In the third trial the weight of the uneaten stalks represents the saving by cutting. I suspect that the saving of labor in mastication is after all merely nominal, and that the gain by cutting feed is mainly in getting the cattle to eat portions of fodder which they otherwise would not.—Breeder's Gazette.

Improved Forms of Bridging.

Mr. Miles Ranes, a working builder and millwright of Clinton County, Pa., furnishes to the American Agriculturist sketches and descriptions of two very effective methods of bridging foot-bridges, from which the illustrations

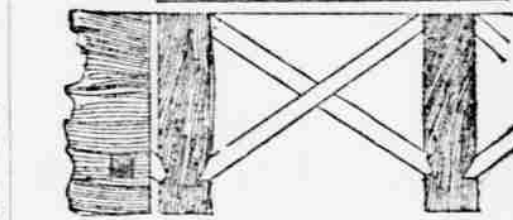


FIG. 1. were engraved. Shingling laths, set edgewise, are used, the upper ends being cut to the proper level to fit snugly on the side of the joist. In the form shown at Fig. 1 the lower end is also beveled to fit into the notch. In the form shown at Fig. 2 the lower ends of the bridging are square and corresponding notches are cut in the joist to receive them. At the left of the engraving is shown a section of joist with a notch

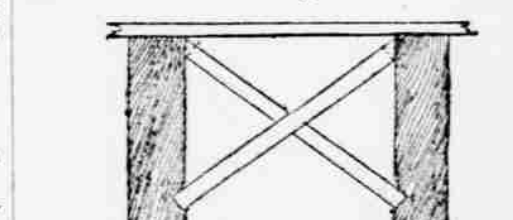


FIG. 2.

ent. In either case no nails are required in the lower ends of the bridging, and the notches may be cut in about the same time required to nail when used without notches. The top of each piece is toe-nailed. Where bridging is also beveled to fit into the notch, the striking of the joist only serves to make all tighter.

Summer Fuel.

Prepare during the winter or early spring for efficient fuel for the summer. From the time the plow can be started, until the corn is cribbed, time is too precious to be used for work that can as well be done at another season. To chop wood in July or August is decidedly hot work; and if the summer stove-wood is prepared now, the work will not be put on wife and girls during the summer. For summer use, light dry wood that will burn quickly and die down quickly is the best. Wood may now be cut green, when it works best, and if properly stored it will burn with a bright, steady flame. Such timber as cottonwood, white elm, wild cherry, etc., which make very inferior winter fuel, are excellent for summer. The logs are most easily worked by sawing them with a cross-cut saw into stove-wood length and splitting afterward. The logs can be hauled up most easily during the winter when a sled can be used. Corn-cobs are excellent summer fuel, and are well worth saving for this purpose.—American Agriculturist.

Why are Holland bulbs called Holland bulbs? asks a correspondent. For the same reason that a native of Holland is called a Hollander.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

NEW ENGLAND merchants are beginning to organize to secure legislative protection against "fire" and "bankrupt" sales companies that tout that section.

ARTHUR, N. H., with a population of about 1,300, boasts of four nonagenarians and twenty-five octogenarians. Twenty-one of these twenty-nine old people are women.

EXAMINING physicians say that alcohol and tobacco are largely responsible for the color blindness which large numbers of applicants for positions on railways are affected.

A CURIOS fact about cigarette smoking is that nearly double as many cigarettes are smoked during July, August and September as during any other three months of the year.

The Cape of Good Hope can now be reached by telegraph via the west coast of Africa, as well as via the Red Sea and Zanzibar. So the dark continent is bound around by electric wire that is constantly making the world smaller.

MISS ELLA GONZALES, the prettiest drummer on the coast, is traveling for a St. Louis paint house that employs eighteen travelers and receives the highest salary of any of them. She has saved money enough to buy a hotel at Topeka, Kan.

A SPOOKY (O.) baggage handler roughly jostled an elderly gentleman and made him "get out of the way." The elderly man was the superintendent of the road, and when he turned around the baggage man crawled behind a trunk and kicked himself.

DURING the recent floods at Anaheim, Cal., every hummock was swarming with hares and rabbits that were driven from the plains. They were slaughtered by thousands by boys and men, who used sticks, and when tired of the sport would run the poor beasts off their dry places into the raging sea.

A TOPEKA (Kan.) preacher dressed himself in rough clothing and started out to see if he could make a living as a common laborer. He could not and gave up the attempt after one day's trial, thus escaping the abuse that would have been heaped upon him when the hired man was found that a mere preacher was trying to take away their trade without having joined their union.

THAT was an amusing incident the other day in Justice Pebleman's court at Indianapolis. A case was on trial, and one of the attorneys called: "Bring out McGinty." "Here, that will do," was the response of the court, as the justice reached for an ink stand. "I don't want any more of those jokes in this court-room." "But McGinty is a witness in this case," persisted the attorney, and then Michael McGinty stepped to the front and was sworn to testify.

According to a paper read before the Natural History Society at Indianapolis the other day, the smaller birds are often destroyed by thousands during storms by being blown out over the lakes, notably so during their migration. The writer spoke of birds destroyed on Lake Erie and Lake Michigan, dead bodies floating upon the beaches by thousands. This destruction is especially notable from storms that are accompanied by a sudden fall of temperature. The fact was regarded as indicating one of nature's methods of checking the overproduction of species.

BRIGHT BRIEVITIES.

People who consider "hash" too vulgar a word to apply to the compound which usually bears that distinctive title might call it stewed bris-a-brac.

"We want a good name for our town." "Yes. Something like 'Yonkers-on-Hudson,' or 'Manchester-by-the-Sea,' eh?" "Yes. How would 'Boombtown-on-Paper' do?"

"What building is that?" asked a stranger of a boy, pointing to the school. "That," said the boy, "is a tannery." And he feelingly rubbed his back as he passed on.

"Who is this Mr. So-and-so, of whom you speak so often?" asked Mrs. Gazzam, as a gentle correction of her husband's habit of forgetting names. "Mr. So-and-so?" replied Gazzam. "Oh, he's a tailor."

A WRITER quotes a Roumanian dictionary to prove that the word "masher" is from "masha," a Roumanian term meaning "fascination of the eye," but the "masher" goes "much more on cheek than any thing else."

If you happen to meet a curious-looking animal, built in the form of an eclipse with a cascade-shaped head, dodge around the nearest corner as quickly as possible, for that is the deadly influenza bacillus.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10, 1890.	
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	3 85 @ 4 70
COTTON—Middle.....	11 1/2 @ 11 3/4
FLOUR—Winter Wheat.....	2 25 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	35 1/2 @ 37 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	33 1/2 @ 34 1/2
OATS—Western Mixed.....	27 @ 30
POB—Mixed.....	10 @ 11 1/2
ST. LOUIS.	
COTTON—Middle.....	10 1/2 @ 10 3/4
BEANS—Export Steers.....	4 50 @ 5 00
Shipping.....	3 00 @ 4 50
HOGS—Common to Select.....	3 50 @ 4 15
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.....	4 25 @ 6 00
FLOUR—Patents.....	4 00 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter.....	75 1/2 @ 76 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	20 1/2 @ 21 1/2
POB—Choice Timothy.....	8 50 @ 10 00
RYE—Choice.....	3 50 @ 4 00
RAIL—Choice.....	8 50 @ 10 00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.....	18 @ 21
OILS—Fresh.....	11 @ 11 1/2
POB—Standard Messing.....	10 @ 10 1/2
RAILS—Clear Rib.....	5 @ 5 1/2
WHEAT—Choice Turkey.....	35 @ 35 1/2
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Shipping.....	3 25 @ 5 30
HOGS—Good to Choice.....	3 50 @ 4 50
BEANS—Good to Choice.....	4 00 @ 4 50
FLOUR—Winter Patents.....	3 50 @ 4 50
WHEAT—Spring Patents.....	4 25 @ 4 75
CORN—No. 2.....	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2
POB—Standard Messing.....	9 50 @ 9 70
KANSAS CITY.	
CATTLE—Shipping.....	3 25 @ 4 75
HOGS—Sales at.....	3 70 @ 3 80
WHEAT—No. 2 (hard).....	60 @ 65
OATS—No. 2.....	22 @ 23 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	22 @ 23 1/2
NEW ORLEANS.	
FLOUR—High Grade.....	3 50 @ 4 50
CORN—White.....	37 @ 37 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	20 @ 20 1/2
RYE—Choice.....	16 50 @ 17 50
RAILS—Clear Rib.....	5 @ 5 1/2
WHEAT—Middle.....	30 @ 30 1/2
LOUISVILLE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	60 @ 70
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	24 @ 25
OATS—No. 2.....	10 @ 10 1/2
POB—Messing.....	10 @ 10 1/2
RAILS—Clear Rib.....	5 @ 5 1/2
COTTON—Middle.....	10 1/2 @ 10 3/4

The Power of Suggestiveness.

More is accomplished in this world always by the suggestions of motive and force than by the impositions of form and rule. He who believes in suggestion has trust in the vital powers of things. The whole world is waiting to start into far higher action than any thing yet, if one could only touch its springs. This is the beauty, this must be the quiet satisfaction, of the lives of those obscure and patient workers who build nothing themselves, but who suggest the need and wish of building to other minds greater than theirs. Think of being the school-teacher of Shakespeare, or Milton or Pascal; and yet only a few antiquaries know the name of either. Surely there are last that shall be first. Surely this power of suggestiveness must always be the teacher's wisest and best.—Phillips Brooks.

Boils and Carbuncles.

It seems strange that any one will suffer with boils, carbuncles, etc., when Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla will certainly prevent such eruptions. It is a sure and safe antidote for blood poisoning arising from whatever source, and its use when needed should be immediately delayed. Thousands who found extensively advertised blood medicines to have no efficacy whatever, are rejoicing in the fact that Bull's Sarsaparilla is an exception, and that good health invariably follows its use. Syphilitic and scrofulous symptoms disappear, the skin becomes clear and free from pimples, the digestion is improved, aches and pains cease, the weight of the body becomes greater, the flesh more solid, ulcerative and consumptive tendencies disappear, the power of endurance increased, nervous, dizzy spells, and unnatural fatigue vanish, in a word the cure of Bull's Sarsaparilla becomes a picture of health and strength. Try it. Use no other.—Dayton Enquirer.

We suppose it is King Gambirino to whom we hear occasional reference as "this royal jagg."—Binghamton Leader.

CATARH.

Home Treatment—Hay Fever—A New

Sufferers are generally aware that these diseases are contagious, and that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the blood. The cause of the disease is the miasmatic tubes. Microscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result of this discovery is that a simple remedy has been formulated whereby Catarrh, Hay Fever and Catarrhal Deafness are permanently cured. The cure is a simple application made at home by the patient once in two weeks.

W. B. R.—This treatment is not a snuff or an ointment; both have been discarded by reputable physicians as injurious. A pamphlet explaining this new treatment is sent on receipt of three cents in stamps by post to Dr. A. H. Dixon & Son, care of J. A. and King Street, Toronto, Canada.—Canadian Advertiser.

Sufferers from Catarrhal troubles should carefully read the above.

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Consumption Surely Cured.

To THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for consumption, and that it is a simple and easy use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send you a copy of my book, "The Cure of Consumption," if you will send me your address and post-office address. Please send to Dr. A. H. Dixon & Son, 181 Pearl Street, New York.

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Flags; Who Supplies Flags for Schools?

They are mostly sold by G. W. Simmons & Co., Oak Hall, Boston, Mass., at special rates. Enquiries are sent to them from all parts of the country.

The amanuensis seconds his employer's efforts by making a minute of his remarks.—Hotel Gazette.

I KNOW the composition of, and have prescribed Bull's Sarsaparilla, and believe it an excellent preparation for producing an alternative effect upon the system. I consider it the best article of Sarsaparilla in use.

WAX a man is under a cloud the silver lining is generally on the other side.—Philadelphia Press.

WHY not save your clothes, by using the most economical soap, Dobbin's Electric. Made ever since 1854. Try it once you will use it always. Your grocer keeps it or will get it. Look for the name, Dobbin's.

A MAN who owns a goat has only to earn his bread; he has his butter for nothing.—Rochester Post.

MIST not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

LOVE is a species of intoxication that swells the heart instead of the head.—Boston Courier.

WHEN you think your children have worms, ask your druggist for Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyers and do not take any other. They taste good and are always sure.

The human race is run on the course of true love, as a general thing.—Texas Star.

\$800 PRIZES—Case School of Applied Science offers five \$800 prizes on entrance examination. For particulars address President Stanley, Cleveland, Ohio.

A "snore" speech—"Lead me a quarter till to-morrow."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

DON'T Whence and cough when Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar will cure. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

The model husbands are the men who never marry.—Foad du Lac Reporter.

NEVER fail to cure sick headache, often the very first dose. This is what is said by all who try Carter's Little Liver Pills.

A MAN may not go to prayer-meeting, but influenza will bring him to his knees.

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Take charity—raising the wind for eye-cure sufferers.—Courier-Journal.

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GONE DOWN WITH ALL HANDS.

When we read such an announcement as this it sends a thrill of horror through our very being. And yet the number of lives lost by accidents at sea are very few compared to the number which are sacrificed to single diseases on land. Take Consumption. Statistics show that twenty per cent. of all deaths are due to this fatal malady. It would be easier to reconcile ourselves to the fearful fact if there were no remedy. But there is. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured thousands, and among them many whom the doctors have given up to die. If you are believing, then the thousands of living witnesses to its marvelous efficacy, in cases of this kind, ought to convince the